

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR WORK MEETING
SEPTEMBER 9, 2014

The Board of Directors of the Hopewell Area School District met in regular session on Tuesday, September 9, 2014, in the Board Room, Administration Building, 2354 Brodhead Road, Hopewell Township.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by David Bufalini, Board President.

Prayer and flag salute was led by Mr. Bufalini. Roll call by the secretary followed. Those Directors in attendance were:

John Bowden
David Bufalini
Lesia Dobo
Tony Guy
Rob Harmotto
Anna Segner

Members absent:
Lori McKittrick
Daniel Santia
Jeffrey Winkle

Also in attendance were: Dr. Charles M. Reina, Superintendent; John Salopek, Solicitor; Johannah M. Robb, Business Administrator; Nancy Barber, Secretary; Edward Katkich, Douglass Rowe and Korri Kane, Principals; Venanzio Pelino, Director of Buildings and Grounds; and citizens.

Dr. Reina announced that the following items would be voted on later in the meeting. He then proceeded to review the agenda in its entirety.

Education/Curriculum/Instruction: Mrs. Dobo, Chair; Mr. Guy, Co-Chair

1. Request from Mr. Allison for the Hopewell High School Marching Band to participate in WPXI's Celebrate the Seasons Parade on Saturday, November 29, 2014.
2. Facility Staffing Agreement with Maxim Staffing Solutions to provide one-on-one nursing services on an as needed basis.

Athletics: Mr. Guy, Chair; David Bufalini, Co-Chair

1. Contract with Riverhounds Event Center, L.P. for the girl's soccer team to participate in the 2nd Annual Highmark Stadium High School Soccer Series in a game against Blackhawk High School on September 20, 2014.

Buildings and Grounds: Mrs. Segner, Chair; Mr. Santia, Co-Chair

1. Fall Pool Schedule.
2. Request from Ashley Zanella to use the baseball fields at Hopewell Elementary School on October 5, 2014 for a kickball tournament. This is part of Ashley's Senior Project.

Finance and Budget: Mr. Bowden, Chair; Mr. Winkle, Co-Chair

1. Change Order #1 in the amount of \$17,178.00 to add redundant switches as part of the wireless network infrastructure project at Hopewell High School.

Personnel: Mr. Harmotto, Chair; Mrs. Segner, Co-Chair

1. Employment of Rachel Widdersheim, Librarian at Hopewell High School, at Step 1 of the master's scale, effective September 10, 2014.
2. Resignation of Debbie Conover, Special Education Aide at Independence Elementary School, effective September 12, 2014.

Dr. Reina said that the following items would be voted on during the September 23, 2014 Business Meeting.

Education/Curriculum/Instruction

1. Fall musical program at Hopewell High School.

Athletics

1. A 10th grade student from Ambridge Area School District to practice and participate in swimming meets with the varsity swim team for the 2014-2015 School Year, effective in the spring 2015.

Buildings and Grounds

1. Request from Hopewell Youth Basketball to use Gym B at the Junior High School from September 15 through October 31, 2014 on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and to use Gym A on Saturday's from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. In addition, they would like to use Gym A from November 3, 2014 through March 31, 2015, Monday through Friday from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. on Saturday.
2. Request from Little Lady Vikings Basketball to use Gym B at the Junior High School on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from October until the end of February for practice and games.
3. Request from Jeff Homziak to use Gym B at the Junior High School on Wednesday evenings and both the main and auxiliary gyms at the Senior High School on Saturday's for an instructional basketball league for girls in grades 2 through 6 beginning October 15, 2014 through December 6, 2014.
4. Request from Jeff Homziak to use the auxiliary gym at the Senior High School to hold a youth basketball skills clinic for boys and girls in grades 1 through 8 from September through May.
5. Annual Preventive Maintenance Service Agreement with Tri-State Fitness Services, Inc. for all cardiovascular fitness equipment located at the Senior High School at a cost of \$1,000.
6. Annual Preventive Maintenance Service Agreement with Tri-State Fitness Services, Inc. for all cardiovascular fitness equipment and Bodymasters strength equipment located at the Junior High School at a cost of \$1,500.

Finance

1. Plancon Part H for Project 2395, Hopewell Memorial Junior High School.

Personnel

1. Request from Amanda Iannini, Guidance Counselor at Hopewell and Margaret Ross Elementary Schools, for leave without pay beginning October 17, 2014 through January 5, 2015.
2. Employment of _____ as of 4-hour library aide at the elementary schools, effective September 24, 2014.

Visitors

No visitors wished to address the Board.

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:36 p.m. to discuss personnel matters. This announcement is being made to be in compliance with Act 84 of 1986, Pennsylvania's Sunshine Law, as amended. The meeting resumed at 7:52 p.m.

At this point in the meeting, Mr. Bufalini returned to Education/Curriculum and Instruction.

Education/Curriculum/Instruction by Mrs. Dobo, Chair

MOTION #1

By Lesia Dobo, seconded by Anna Segner, to approve the request of Mr. Allison for the Hopewell High School Marching Band to participate in WPXI's Celebrate the Seasons Parade on Saturday, November 29, 2014. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #2

By Lesia Dobo, seconded by Tony Guy, to approve the Facility Staffing Agreement with Maxim Staffing Solutions to provide one-on-one nursing services on an as needed basis. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Athletics by Tony Guy, Chair

MOTION #3

By Tony Guy, seconded by Rob Harmotto, to approve the contract with Riverhounds Event Center, L.P. for the girl's soccer team to participate in the 2nd Annual Highmark Stadium High School Soccer Series in a game against Blackhawk High School on September 20, 2014. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Buildings and Grounds by Mrs. Segner, Chair

APPROVAL OF GROUPEd ITEMS

MOTION #4

By Anna Segner, seconded by John Bowden, to approve items (1) and (2) as presented in accordance with School Board's agreement for grouping items in a single motion. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

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Finance and Budget by John Bowden, Chair

MOTION #5

By John Bowden, seconded by Lesia Dobo, to approve Change Order #1 in the amount of \$17,178.00 to add redundant switches as part of the wireless network infrastructure project at Hopewell High School. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

Personnel by Mr. Harmotto, Chair

MOTION #6

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Lesia Dobo, to approve the employment of Rachel Widdersheim, Librarian at the Hopewell High School, at Step 1 of the master's scale, effective September 10, 2014. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #7

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by John Bowden, to accept the resignation of Debbie Conover, Special Education Aide at Independence Elementary School, effective September 12, 2014. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Adjournment

There being no further discussion or recommendations to come before the Board of Directors, Mr. Bufalini asked for a motion for adjournment.

MOTION by Lesia Dobo, seconded by John Bowden, that the meeting be adjourned.
MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Bufalini adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD

David Bufalini, President

Nancy Barber, Secretary